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For: LITHOGRAPHY SIMULATION )  
METHOD, MASK PATTERN )  
CORRECTION METHOD, AND )  
SUBSTRATE TOPOGRAPHY )  
CORRECTION METHOD )

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